

**MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 3, 2005**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historical Design Review Commission was called to order on May 3, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. by Chrm. Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Merz, Powers, Thompson, S. White, Briggs, Elder, W. White, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Chrm. Smith (arrived late)

STAFF PRESENT Will Wong, Community Development Director; Janet Ferro, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

(In the absence of Chairman Smith, vice-chairman Powers called the meeting to order.)

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 5 and April 19, 2005 were approved as presented.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW

- A. Historic Design Review – Project Auburn 2005 – File HDR 05-7.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for Project Auburn 2005, which is scheduled to occur on June 25, 2005. Project Auburn includes a variety of enhancement and beautification projects located on numerous public and private properties throughout the Old Town Historic District. Activities include, but are not limited to, building façade

renovations (OTAPS buildings at 215/217 Maple Street); City of Auburn billboard improvements; re-facing the retaining wall at 151-177 Sacramento Street with stucco and brick; installing fencing around the Joss House; improvements to the Old Town restroom and grounds, and miscellaneous activities including improvements to signs, painting, weeding, and various repairs.

On April 5, 2005, City Manager Bob Richardson and Police Chief Nick Willick appeared before the Historic Design Review Commission to give an introductory presentation about Project Auburn and receive direction from the Commission regarding potential activities as part of this year's Project Auburn. The Commission reviewed the information and recommended some additional projects. As a variety of the activities are regulated by the Historic Preservation ordinance, a Historic Design Review Permit must be approved by the HDRC. A summary of all the activities planned was provided to the Commission.

(Chrm. Smith arrived at this time; Comm. Powers continued to chair the meeting.)

The public hearing was opened.

Ray Thompson commented on areas in Old Town that he would like to see improved.

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the proposal. It was decided that the service organization sign improvements should be returned to the HDRC for final approval. Also, there were concerns about a light that changes colors for the proposed improvement to the billboard.

Chrm. Smith **MOVED** to add a condition:

“Maple Street Billboard – The light within the copper frame shall not change color. A single-colored light shall be utilized.”

Comm. Elder **SECONDED**.

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Commissioners chose to separate Item #1 from the rest of the list of items to be included in the project.

Comm. S. White **MOVED** (with the exception of Item #1) to:

- A. Find the project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15301, and
- B. Approve the request for Project Auburn 2005 subject to the conditions listed.

Comm. Merz **SECONDED**.

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Comm. S. White **MOVED** to:

- A. Find Item #1 Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and
- B. Approve Item #1 with the color combinations “A” or “B” as listed in Attachment 4. (Item #1 pertained to buildings at 215-219 Maple Street.)

Chrm. Smith **SECONDED**.

The motion was approved by voice vote 7-0 with Comm. W. White abstaining.

ITEM VI:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

A. City Council Meetings.

Director Wong reported on recent City Council meetings.

B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings.

No report.

C. Reports.

None.

ITEM VII:

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Elaine Ferro, Administrative Assistant